

# GUIDE to FOOD and FUN

In the Torrance and South Bay Area

## 'Beauty and the Beast' Playmaker Christmas Show

The Gardena Valley Playmaker production of "Beauty and the Beast," will be staged Dec. 14, 15, 21, 22 and 29 at the Community Center, 1651 W. 162nd St., Gardena. Curtain time will be 2 p.m. for the annual children's Christmas show.

The Jesse Beers Jr. three-act children's play will be directed by Lorry McConnell, assisted by Pat Kutler. McConnell starred in such playmaker productions as "Abie's Irish Rose" and "Oh Men, Oh Women," last year. Members of the cast are: Roxanne Albee as Beauty; Dean Dwight as the Beast; James Failing as A mos; John Angeloni as the father; Sue Davis as Sybil the witch; Scott Sutton as the dwarf; Martin Lair as the first boy; David Krause as the second boy; Sheryl Dohay and Audrey Krause alternating as the first girl; and Sharon Carlson and Susan Cohen alternating as the second girl.

Miss Albee is making her dramatic debut with the Playmakers in this production. A resident of Gardena, she became prominent in the field of commercial modeling while in New York and has appeared in several national magazines.

Since coming to California, she has placed in several of the larger beauty pageants, including the Miss Golden State and Miss California Bikini pageants. Dean Dwight, though making his dramatic debut with the Playmakers, is certainly not a newcomer to the stage or to the dramatic field in general.

Currently majoring in theater arts at Los Angeles City College, Dwight has starred in four television dramatic leads and numerous little theater productions. His TV credits include: A co-starring part in "Under Seventeen" on "Telephone Time"; "Dr. Hudson's Secret Journal"; "Matinee Theater"; and "Day In Court."

He has also appeared in "The Winslow Boy" and "Dark at the Top of the Stairs," at the Magnolia Theater, in Long Beach. Other credits include: "Strange Bedfellows," with the Palos Verdes Players; and "Sleeping Beauty"

with the Downey Children's Theater. James Failing, a newcomer to Gardena and to the Playmakers, is a 28-year-old veteran of more than 25 theater productions in Philadelphia, Pa.

He is a product of the Graduate Theater Department of Villanova University, Villanova, Pa., and the American Foundation of Dramatic Arts, Philadelphia, Pa. He has also attended the Actor's Studio, New York, N.Y. Failing has twice appeared in productions of "Julius Caesar," portraying Mark Anthony for the Barn Playhouse, Jeffersonville, Pa., and Cassius with the Saturday Club, Wayne, Pa.

His other roles include: enny in "Janus;" Roger Spelling in "Visit to a Small Planet;" Oliver Walling in "Man in the Dog Suit;" Patrick in "Loud Red Patrick;" Rubin Flood in "Dark at the Top of the Stairs;" O'Flingsley in "Shadow and Substance;" Johnny in "Hatful of Rain;" Bigg in "Death of a Salesman;" Demetri Karamozov in "Brothers Karamozov;" and he appeared in "Made in USA," a film released by Universal International Studios.

At the American Foundation of Dramatic Arts he portrayed: Mr. Roberts in "Mr. Roberts;" Charlie Castle in "Big Knife;" George in "Of Men and Mice;" Charles in "The Lark;" and Othello in "Othello."

His other roles include: Shelby in "Laura;" Paul Delville in "Marriage Go Round;" Ralph Bates in "Period of Adjustment;" Paul Verrall in "Born Yesterday;" and Pogo Polle in "Pleasure of His Company."

He has directed "Keller Instinct" for the Barn Playhouse. Further information on the current Playmaker production and reservations can be obtained from Mrs. Evelyn Krause, president of the group at FACULTY 1-3531.

The Gardena Valley Playmakers are a non-profit organization open to anyone interested in any aspect of theater work. Producers of "Beauty and the Beast" are Lee Carlson and Evelyn Krause under the co-sponsorship of the recreation and park department of the city of Gardena.

## THINGS TO SEE IN SOUTHLAND

San Diego's 31st annual Fall Electric Show and the National Junior Horse Show in Santa Barbara top the list of things to see in the Southland this week. Here is the schedule of activities in the area for the period of Nov. 21 through Nov. 30 as compiled by the Automobile Club of Southern California.

"People of the Valley," an exhibit of textiles and costumes of the 1870's, will be featured at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum, Arcadia, during the month of November.

The Padua Hills Theatre, Claremont, will present "Las Posadas," the traditional Mexican Christmas play, through Jan. 4. The 17th annual Mother Goose Parade, held annually in El Cajon, to mark the beginning of the Christmas season in this community, will be held at 2 p.m. Nov. 24. Featured will be floats depicting famous Mother Goose characters.

The annual Santa Claus Lane Parade of Stars along Hollywood Boulevard will be held Nov. 27. "Flower Portraits," an exhibit of original art by Ethelynde Smith, will be featured in the Descanso Gardens, La Canada, Hospitality House from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Dec. 2.

The annual Competitive Art Show, La Jolla, featuring paintings and sculpture by California artists, will be featured at the La Jolla Art Center through Dec. 15. The annual fall meeting for quarterhorses will be held at Los Alamitos Race Course through Dec. 21.

The Masterworks of Mexican Art will be featured in the Los Angeles County Museum through Jan. 1964. This is the largest and most comprehensive exhibition ever organized of the history of Mexican art covering over 3,000 years and containing over 2,000 objects. For the last 2 years, the exhibition has toured most of the major capitals of Europe.

The Museum will also feature an exhibit titled "The Old Navy," a history of the U. S. Navy in paintings, sketches and watercolors, through Dec. 15. Chamber

music is provided each Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Museum. The character of Korea will be the theme of the exhibit at the Los Angeles City Hall Tower Gallery through Nov. 27.

The Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra with Zubin Mehta conducting and violinist Yehudi Menuhin as guest artist will play in concert at 8:30 p.m. Nov. 27 in the Philharmonic Auditorium. "Man's Place in the Universe" is the title for the program in Griffith Park Observatory and Planetarium through Dec. 31. The show is held daily, except Monday, at 3 and 8:30 p.m. with extra matinees on weekends and holidays at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.

The Great Western Exposition and Livestock Show will be held at the Great Western Exhibition Center at the Santa Ana Freeway and Atlantic Blvd. through Nov. 26. The National Rodeo Finals will be held in the Sports Arena from Nov. 26 through Dec. 1.

The Los Angeles Rams will play the Baltimore Colts at 1:35 p.m. Nov. 24 in the Coliseum.

Arabian Horse Shows will be held at 2 and 3:30 p.m. each Sunday through November at California State Polytechnic College in Pomona.

The San Diego County Council of Churches will join together to offer a community wide Thanksgiving Day Service in Balboa Park's Organ Pavilion at 10 a.m. Nov. 28.

The 31st annual Fall Electric Show will be held in the Electric Building in Balboa Park from Nov. 29 through Dec. 4. The show, which will be free and open daily from 1 to 10:30 p.m., will feature displays of all of the newest types of electrical equipment and appliances.

Polo games are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. every Sunday at the Santa Barbara Polo Club.

The Santa Barbara Choral Society will sing in concert at 8:30 p.m. Nov. 25 in the Lobero Theatre.

The Santa Barbara National Junior Horse Show, sponsored by the 19th District Agricultural Assn., will be held at the Earl Warren Showgrounds Nov. 29 through Dec. 1.

The annual Christmas Parade and Western Band Festival will be held at 2 p.m. Nov. 30. Route of the parade will be along State Street from Micheltorena to Ortega St.

## Holiday Feast Plans Under Way For Jungland

A very unusual dinner will be served on the special day of Thanksgiving at Jungland in Thousand Oaks. The meal will include bananas, oranges, lettuce, celery, grapes, carrots, bran, alfalfa hay, fish and coconuts. Not one bite of turkey will be served, instead the finest filet of horsemeat will also be featured on the menu.

You see, the animals at Jungland, because of their movie star status, eat only the best animal food available and it would really be declassé to serve turkey. After all, the gobbler in the Baby Zoo just finished a feature motion picture and it would be very unneighborly of the chef to serve a star, even though a roasting by the critics may be just as un-friendlly!

Jungland is open daily from 9 a.m. with Wild Animal Shows presented each day at 2 p.m. and continuously from 11 a.m. on Sundays and Holidays.

Special new acts have been added to the Wild Animal Shows during the Thanksgiving Holidays.



LIP SMACKING GOOD! Baby Buster and his little friend Peppi Belochi, 15 months old, enjoy a pumpkin flavored ice cream cone at Jungland in Thousand Oaks. The famed wild animal zoological gardens will give extra performances daily, of the wild animal shows, during the Holiday season.

## Class Picks Annual Play

The Senior Class of South High School has selected "The Diary of Anne Frank" as its annual play. The production will be presented on Dec. 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. in the Spartan Cafeteria.

Ellen Kogan draws the starring role of Anne Frank, a 14-year-old girl who hid in an attic for two years to escape discovery in a concentration camp. "The Diary of Anne Frank" is under the direction of Mr. Von Hershey and the production of Mr. Marlin Muse. Pamela Hazelton is the student director and Gail Stuart is the stage manager.

The cast includes Bill Schapira, Rosemary Heath, Ed Glover, Jan Rubeasamen, Marc Mendelsohn, Karen Luffey, John Warf, and Rick Gilbert.

Jungland is located just north of Los Angeles off the Ventura Freeway. Admission is \$1.25 for adults and 50 cents for children. There is free parking.

## North High Senior Class to Present Stage Drama

"Seventeenth Summer," this year's North High Senior play, will be presented Dec. 5, 6, and 7 in North's cafeteria, according to Ed Nupoll, play director. Tickets will go on sale on Dec. 2. The price is 75 cents with A.S.B. card and \$1 without. Admission of children 12-year-old and under is 50 cents.

"This year's play," Nupoll states, "is a slice of life. It is concerned with a high school girl and her first romance." Cathy Dean plays the young girl and Bill Whitehead the boy she falls in love with.

Other cast members include: Sue Oldt, Maureen Bereskin, Nancy Penning-

ton, Sue Doty, Kris Whitley, Linda Kern, Steve Plakos, Kelly Sims, Len Jackson, and Harvey Cohen. Members of the production staff are Yvonne Colletti, stage manager; Carel-Su Creekmore and Carole Lewis, prompters; Jenny Jenkins and Judy Morgan, makeup; Linda Watson, tickets; Andrea Sitz, house manager; Kathy McLaughlin, props; Dick Richards, lighting; and Concha Delgado, wardrobe.

Elaine Matza, Janice Wilkins, Susan Alexander, Linda Romo, Barbara Barend, and Sharon Lininger will serve as stage crew and usherettes and assist with wardrobe and makeup.

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